

REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-7 and 13-18 are pending in the application. Favorable consideration is requested.

At the outset, applicant notes with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous prior art rejection. To address the objections and new prior art rejection, applicant has amended the claims and submits the following information.

Claim 1 has been amended to place the claim in more conventional U.S. patent claim format and to add the word "thermoplastic" as supported by the specification, e.g., page 10, line 19. This amendment was made to further distinguish the claimed invention from the newly cited Nishimura reference.

Claim 13 has been added to address the objections to claims 5 and 6. Claim 13 is based on original claim 1 and the specification, e.g., page 4, lines 12-15 and figures (e.g., Figure 6).

Claim 14 has been added to distinguish the invention from Nishimura in a different fashion and as supported by the specification, e.g., page 3, line 11, page 4, lines 33-34, page 5, lines 24-35, etc. Dependent claims 15-18 mirror dependent claims 2-4 and 7.

No new matter has been added by the claim amendments.

In response to the objections to claims 5 and 6, and without agreeing with those objections, applicant has amended the claims to streamline prosecution and submits that the amendments render the objections moot.

In response to the new rejection of claims 1-7 as allegedly being anticipated by Nishimura (US Patent 5296278), applicant respectfully disagrees, but, in any event, submits that the amended claims clearly distinguish over Nishimura.

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Nishimura is different technology and is limited to the use of a woven fabric sheet. The claimed invention does not use such a material in its structure, nor could it. As stated in the applicant's "field of invention," the invention only relates to objects made from plastic material and, more precisely, packaging made from plastic material. This requirement and limitation is defined in the claims with the use of the term "resin." Resin is not a woven fabric sheet. To further emphasize the differences with Nishimura's woven fabric sheet, applicant has amended its claims to add the term "thermoplastic" in reference to the resins. See page 10, line 19 of the application. This is in accordance with the applicant's invention that relates to structures obtained by a melting step, which is obviously not possible with Nishimura's woven fabric sheet.

Applicant's claims 14-18 further distinguish the claimed invention because Nishimura fails to disclose the claimed dose structures prior to compression molding.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the claims are not anticipated by Nishimura. As a result, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

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